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CAT IS IN THE BAG

Drones, camera traps and constant surveillance help forest dept to capture leopard who was seen in Electronic City

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After BBMP races to meet its pothole-filling deadline, citizens complain about bad quality of repairs, say it may not last

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BBMP's trimming exercise in Malleswaram has left residents of the area upset — 3 days of injudicious chopping has not only destroyed trees, but also threatened Slender Loris population, they fear

YOU CALL THIS A TRIM? LOOKS LIKE A HACK JOB

Civic agency needs more experienced workers and equipment, say experts

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) 10-day drive to free the city of tree branches posing a danger to vehicles and pedestrians has not gone down well with residents of Malleswaram.

The BBMP crew showed up in the area on Saturday to trim branches on Sankey Tank Road. However, on the third day of the drive in Malleswaram, residents raised various concerns. They say the drive is being carried out unscientifically and without consulting locals.

They allege there is a sinister plan in the making with an upcoming project next to the Cauvery theatre.

"There has been heavy destruction of our trees, and we are all very protective of them. Also, keeping in mind that there is a large brigade project coming up next to Cauvery Theater, there will be a massive traffic block added to an already congested area. We worry that this will be used to

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"Through the drive, we are trying to reduce crown weight. Trimming is being done scientifically and under the supervision of our range forest officers. We are removing branches that are touching vehicles on the move — BLG Swamy, DCF

Touch the grass, maybe?

Police urge theft, road rage victims to take pleas posted on social media to logical end, by filing formal complaints

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As motor vehicle thefts spike, many victims are choosing social media platforms like X to voice their concerns, but are reluctant to register formal complaints with the police station. In August alone, 942 cases of motor vehicle theft were reported, following 1,066 cases in July.

A recent incident highlights the trend. A resident of HRBR Layout tagged Bengaluru police on X with this cry: "My bicycle got stolen from the patio of my house last night. I live in HRBR Layout and thefts in my locality are becoming frequent and unchecked. Can you please help with the rising risk we are facing? It could be someone's kid next time."

In response, Bengaluru City Police advised the user to visit their nearest police station to file a written complaint, stating, "Lodge a written complaint at your nearest police station for necessary action. In case of distress/emergency situation, dial 112."

This exchange reflects a growing

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Kathak tribute

Watch a Kathak dance production 'Unnayan' paying tribute to Saalumarada Thimmakka. Conceived and choreographed by Guru Shama Bhate, Director of Nadroop, this event promises to be a captivating journey of storytelling through movement, music, and rhythm, showcasing Thimmakka's remarkable transformation from a societal outcast to an icon of environmental conservation.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
When: September 27, 6:30 pm

02 Family drama

Ruchika Theatre Group presents "Again," directed by Feisal Alkazi. With its relatable themes and heartfelt moments, Again explores the complexities of family life, the humour and heartbreak of reconciling the past, and the bonds that both tether and free us.

Where: Ranga Shankara
When: September 28, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm

DyCM inaugurates Medicover Hospital

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivaiumar inaugurated Medicover Hospitals in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The hospital, spread over 2.50 lakh sq ft, will provide comprehensive healthcare services, including specialised departments for Cardiac Sciences, Orthopaedics, Neurosciences, Organ Transplant, Nephrology, and Gastro Sciences. The facility will also feature advanced diagnostic facilities, including Cath Lab, 3T MRI, CT scan, and digital X-ray. He said, "Big change is happening in the healthcare sector in Karnataka and the entire country. Dr Anil Krishna, Chairman and Managing Director of Medicover Group of Hospitals, said, "For Medicover Hospitals, venturing into Bengaluru has long been a cherished ambition, aimed at delivering high-quality healthcare at accessible costs to the community. This is the first hospital in India and the world to acquire Da Vinci X- The Surgical Robotic assisted surgical systems at the onset of the Bengaluru facility. Medicover Hospitals aims to establish 4-5 new hospitals in Bengaluru within the next 3-4 years, targeting micro-markets with untapped potential. This expansion will increase the group's total bed count to over 6,000 across India."

Guest lecturers are in state of confusion

10,600 guest lecturers working at govt degree colleges face job uncertainty amid workload reductions, UGC deadlines, addition of new permanent faculty & more

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Around 10,600 guest lecturers working across 430 government degree colleges in the state are facing uncertainty about the continuity of their jobs. The primary reasons for this are workload reductions and the impending deadline set by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to meet certain standards. Additionally, the recruitment of 1,243 permanent faculty members and the transfer of some professors have put the guest lecturers in a vulnerable position.

5,085 guest lecturers at risk of losing jobs

Sources said that the UGC mandates certain qualifications for lecturers at higher education institutions, and those who do not meet these criteria are now worried about losing their jobs. According to UGC norms, individuals working as lecturers must hold a postgraduate degree along with either the National Eligibility Test (NET), the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET), or a PhD.

However, around 55% of the 10,600 guest lecturers in Karnataka government degree colleges do not meet these required qualifications. The Department of Collegiate Education (DCE) has given a deadline of January 13, 2025, for lecturers to meet these standards. As a result, an estimated 5,085 guest lecturers are at risk of losing their jobs. Recently, over 1 lakh candidates appeared for the K-SET exam, but only 6,000 of them passed.

Moreover, the state's shift from the National Education Policy (NEP) to the State Education Policy (SEP) has led to a reduction in the workload. Previously, a subject required six teaching hours per week, but now it has been reduced to four or five hours. This change means that instead of having two lecturers per subject in some colleges, only one lecturer is now being assigned.

File photo of guest lecturers protesting regularisation of posts

> **"Guest lecturers currently working at government first-grade colleges will be allowed to continue in their respective colleges. For remaining vacancies, state-level counselling will be conducted**
> –Dr MC Sudhakar, Minister of Higher Education

Concerns of guest lecturers

The situation is particularly concerning for guest lecturers at postgraduate (PG) centres. In Karnataka, about 58 of the state-run government degree colleges in rural areas operate PG centres, which are the only educational options for students in these regions. Additionally, in these centres, there may be fewer opportunities for guest lecturers. It is estimated that around 116 guest lecturers could lose out on work due to these changes. There is a growing demand from education advocates to prioritise the needs of these PG centres.

The DCE recently released a temporary merit list for guest lecturers in government first-grade colleges. Among the 34,434 applications received, approximately 8,900 candidates have applied to continue. While some guest lecturers are requesting to continue their roles, others are calling for state-level counselling to decide on the selection process. Dr Rajanna D, a guest lecturer, said, "There is a need for the government to issue a clear decision on the future of guest lecturers. We urge the state to resolve the confusion and create regulations that provide job security for all."

The Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said, "The guest lecturers currently working at government first-grade colleges will be allowed to continue in their respective colleges. For the remaining vacancies, state-level counselling will be conducted." The DCE has not yet clarified its stance, leaving them in a state of uncertainty about their future job prospects.

BU offers installment option to pay fees

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Bangalore University (BU) has decided to provide a fee installment facility. Sources said that there will be an installment option for students in order to attract students to join the varsity. BU Vice-chancellor Dr SM Jayakar said, "We are not a private college, and it is challenging to strictly enforce fee collection from students. Allowing installment payments could be a solution, but the responsibility for implementation must lie with the heads of the respective departments for this to be successful." Dr BL Muralidhar, Senior Professor of Computer Science and Applications at BU added, "Private colleges are already offering students the option to pay fees in installments. To attract students, we are adopting the same model."

The university has proposed that offering the option to pay in two installments could make it easier for students to manage the fees. An official said, "Generally, no university offers such an installment payment option, and annual fees are typically collected in a single payment. Private colleges, however, provide this option, which makes it easier for students and parents to manage payments despite higher fees. This flexibility is one of the reasons why students are drawn to private institutions. BU is now planning to follow this model."

It was also noted that despite the university's already low fees for UG and PG programs, many students still do not pay their fees on time, even when given multiple opportunities and extensions. Although the university tries to accommodate students from poor backgrounds, officials are questioning whether students will actually pay if an installment option is introduced.

Data hacked at BNU

Meanwhile, Bengaluru North University's College Management System (UUCMS) has allegedly been hacked by miscreants, and a case has been registered at the Kolar Cyber Police Station. The UUCMS software was implemented by the Department of Higher Education to provide all student services, including exam fees, results, and revaluation, in one place for the convenience of students.

Due to the hacking of the university's software, students were unable to log in. The situation escalated when the miscreants contacted students who had failed and demanded between Rs 15,000 and Rs 20,000, promising to pass them in their exams after receiving payment. Acting on these demands, some results were altered to show the failed students as passed. However, when one of the individuals came to collect the money the next day, students caught him in Bangarpet and handed him over to the police. There is suspicion that some university staff may also be involved in this act. The Registrar of BNU has filed a complaint, although the preliminary investigation revealed that no hacking occurred. The case is under investigation.

Man murders mother after drunken brawl

A 50-year-old woman, Ramanjiamma, was allegedly murdered by her son, Chandrasekar (32), following a heated altercation within the Manchenahalli Police Station limits, Gauribidnur Circle.Ramanjiamma, a labourer, was said to have been in a relationship with a man named Thimappa after the death of her husband several years ago. Both mother and son were habitual drinkers, and on the night of the incident, they had consumed alcohol together, leading to a confrontation over her relationship. Chandrasekar, 32, who is married but currently separated, allegedly attacked his mother during the fight. No sharp weapons were used, but the fatal blow was delivered with a stone to the back of Ramanjiamma's head. She succumbed to her injuries on the spot. —BMB

Key suspect in woman's murder dies by suicide

The key suspect in the case of the murder of a woman, whose dismembered body was found in a refrigerator, was found dead, after he died by suicide in Odisha. The accused, Mukti Ranjan Roy, had been on the run since the murder of 29-year-old Mahalakshmi, even as the Bengaluru police had launched extensive searches across West Bengal and Odisha for him.

According to police officials, Roy, who hails from Odisha and was a Hebbagodi resident, was identified as the primary suspect after call records and text messages between him and the victim were verified. They explained that the murder had also been reported in Odisha, which likely contributed to his fear of the investigation. Faced with the pressure, he appears to have taken the extreme step.

Bangalore police had dispatched a team to Odisha to apprehend Roy, but before they could make an arrest, he took his own life. The investigation remains ongoing. —BMB

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E-City's big prowler captured

A special cage was brought in from Kanakapura to take the leopard that will be released into the wild after a check-up

Drones, camera traps help track leopard; Forest Dept call mission clean rescue operation

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In a midnight operation on Tuesday, the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) finally rescued the leopard that was spotted by a CCTV camera more than a week ago near Phase 1 Toll Plaza in Electronic City.

KFD officials told BM it was a clean rescue operation and the big cat was captured from the ITI campus.

"It is a male leopard and is approximately five years old. The big cat was captured around midnight from the ITI campus where it had taken refuge for the last few days. The 30-acre site with thick bushes and trees that provided the animal with cover. It has not been maintained over the past many years, providing the perfect hiding place for the animal," said V Ganesh, ACF, Bengaluru South.

The big cat, since it was first spotted, had caused a lot of panic among residents and employees of multiple IT companies in the area.

After the leopard was caught on camera while crossing a flyover near a toll Plaza in E-City on September 17, the forest department set up 10 camera traps in and around the Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF) campus in E-City, apart from three cages.

After KFD officials failed to locate the big cat, thermal drones were deployed with the help of E-city's IT companies on September 22. Within hours, the leopard was located on the ITI campus.

Spotted it

"After we failed to track the animal, we deployed two thermal drones on Sunday. We knew that the leopard was hiding in the area. We spotted it immediately after the drones were deployed. However, we took time to study its behavior to devise a strategy to rescue it," added Ganesh.

A special cage to capture the wild cat was brought in from Kanakapura.

"The cage used to capture the leopard was 10x12-foot in dimension. A regular cage is 5x3-foot. We wanted the animal to enter the cage on its own and we made arrangements accordingly. We also suspected that the animal had not eaten over the last two days and thus put bait inside the cage as well," said a KFD official.

> **"The big cat was captured from the ITI campus where it had taken refuge for the last few days. The 30-acre site with thick foliage gave the animal cover** —V Ganesh, ACF

It was a clean rescue operation as the leopard entered the cage and the gate behind collapsed. According to the officials, the operation was beneficial as there was no crowd making the animal anxious and agitating it.

In November last year, a leopard was spotted near Kudlu gate in South Bengaluru. However, after an intense three-day search operation conducted by KFD, a decision to shoot the leopard was taken after all other options had been exhausted.

Experts had blamed the outcome of the rescue operation on an ineffective crowd management strategy.

The five-year-old male leopard caught from the ITI campus was later tranquilised and sent to Bannerghatta National Park.

"The animal looks healthy. However, we are waiting for the veterinary procedure to be completed. In all probability, the leopard will be released soon," said Ganesh.

Train halt: Traffic not the villain this time, officials confirm

A video of a train halted at the Munnekolala Railway Gate near the Outer Ring Road had quickly gone viral on Wednesday, sparking discussions about the city's notorious traffic problems. The video, which shows vehicles stranded on the tracks, led many to speculate that the train had been brought to a stop due to traffic congestion. However, official sources have debunked this narrative, revealing that the stoppage was due to a technical check.

The Incident

The incident took place on September 24, 2024, when Train No. 12557 Yeshwantpur- Kochuveli Express was brought to a halt near the Munnekolala Railway Gate, located between BPHI (Bellandur Road) and CRLM (Carmelaram) stations. According to railway officials, the locomotive pilot (Loco Pilot) heard an unusual sound and immediately stopped the train for safety reasons, initiating a technical inspection. The Assistant Loco Pilot and Train Manager conducted the checks on the rake to ensure there were no issues with the train's functioning.

A railway official explained, "The train was stopped as part of a routine safety check after the Loco Pilot noticed something unusual. The level crossing (LC) gate was opened by the gateman to prevent further road traffic buildup during this period. Once the technical inspection was completed, the LC gate was closed, and the train continued its journey."

> **Railway official says when train was stopped for safety check, vehicles were allowed to pass**

Social media buzz

The video of the halted train, coupled with the sight of vehicles on the tracks, fueled assumptions that Bengaluru's traffic woes had even extended to disrupting rail services. The footage rapidly gained traction across various social media platforms, sparking both humour and frustration from the public. Memes and comments highlighted the city's already well-known traffic issues.

Construction of subway underway

Currently construction is going on of a subway at this level crossing under the K-RIDE (Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited) project. The subway aims to address the traffic challenges at the Munnekolala Railway Gate by providing a permanent solution for vehicles to pass without interfering with train operations.

—Atiya Firdos

Black spots blight Millers Road

Locals are urging authorities to address garbage accumulating under railway overbridge

The black spot under the railway over bridge on Millers Road

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Residents of Millers Road and Netaji Road are urging the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities, particularly the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Department, to address the black spots under the railway overbridge and other areas in the Pulakeshinagar Assembly constituency.

Heaps of garbage under the railway overbridge on Millers Road have become a health hazard and an eyesore for residents nearby and motorists who commute along Millers Road. "All types of garbage can be found at this location. There is no one to stop irresponsible citizens from dumping waste here. It seems the BBMP assigned workers to clean up, but their efforts were in vain. Garbage continues to accumulate under the railway overbridge," said Maria of Aam Aadmi Party.

Maria stated that she has informed elected representatives about an overflowing manhole and piles of garbage on Millers Road. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) authorities took action to address the manhole issue, but the BBMP has not removed the garbage. "I am not happy with BBMP authorities for their failure to remove garbage completely. One can see debris and garbage at the spot," she said.

Expressing concern over the black spots on Millers Road, Patricia Edward, a resident, said the black spots have become an eyesore and a nuisance. "I expected the BBMP workers to remove garbage under the railway over bridge. I urge the authorities and activists to beautify the black spot and take measures to prevent people from dumping garbage," said Patricia.

> **BBMP took measures to clear garbage but people continue dumping garbage on this road. It is concerning to observe people dumping without any remorse** –Resident

She mentioned that she saw people dumping garbage beneath the Wheeler Road Flyover. "Garbage dumping has become a common practice for some individuals. I urge the BBMP authorities to keep a vigil on those responsible for the creation of black spots," she said.

A resident, speaking on the condition of anonymity, noted that the more the BBMP authorities clear garbage, the more people tend to dump it. "Recently, the BMBP authorities took measures to clear garbage on Netaji Road but people continue dumping garbage on this road. It is concerning to observe people dumping garbage without any apparent remorse or regret," said the resident.

Attributing the black spots on Netaji Road to irregular door-to-door garbage collection, Iftekar Ahmed, a resident, stated that there is no one to oversee the collection process. "There are many black spots on Netaji Road. I urge the authorities to take measures to fix this problem," said Iftekar Ahmed.

The nodal officer for the Pulakeshinagar ward was unavailable for comment.

Unsafe roads prompt protests in Rayasandra

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Rayasandra and Gattahalli residents, including citizens from 15 apartment complexes, recently staged a protest demanding essential infrastructure such as proper roads, sanitation, water supply, and street lights. The protest highlighted the dire condition of the area, which affects not only the local population but also approximately 20 schools that rely on these roads daily. Children, pregnant women, and seniors have been forced to endure hazardous conditions for years, despite repeated pleas to authorities.

After intense pressure from citizens, the Office of the Special Officer to the Chief Minister of Karnataka acknowledged that road repairs are in progress. However, residents remain sceptical due to past experiences where initial work began but was left incomplete. Over the past seven years, residents have witnessed road levelling and the placement of gravel stones multiple times, only for the work to stop short of tarring or completion.

Residents highlighted a incident where biker fell into an open drain due to poor roads

"Every single time they put gravel stones and roll over it with a road roller, and that's it. That road has not seen a tarred surface in seven years. The whole stretch is filled with garbage, and there's a breeding ground for mosquitoes. A bulldozer was used to clear some garbage today, but there's no permanent solution," said Harvish, a resident of Rayasandra

The local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), Shivanna, previously attributed the lack of progress to insufficient funding from the BJP-led government. However, even after the Congress government took over, residents claim that no substantial improvements have been made.

"Earlier, we used to be hopeful when road levelling would start, but now we are not convinced until there's a permanent solution. We have even pooled money among ourselves to fix some stretches of the road. We won't be satisfied until the road is asphalted," added Harvish.

In addition to the inadequate roads, residents also raised concerns about public safety. A recent incident where a biker fell into an open drainage system due to poor road conditions has only added to the urgency of their demands. "The road is quite risky and dangerous. Even autos charge extra for coming down these stretches. We are suffering every day," said another resident.

Despite their frustrations, some residents remain cautiously optimistic. "I've seen them start work again, and I'm hopeful that this time, something concrete will finally be done. We've waited for years, and we just want the road to be safe for our families," said a resident.

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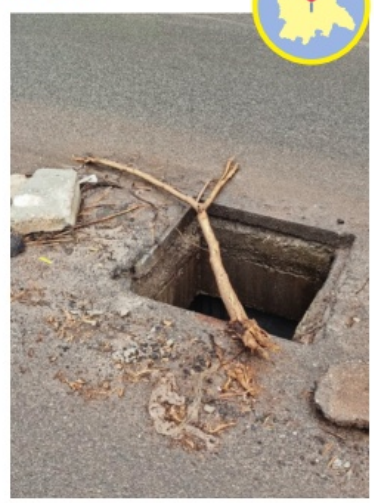
Footpath peril
Old Madras Road

New public toilet near Swami Vivekananda Metro Station blocks the entire footpath, forcing pedestrians onto the busy Old Madras Road. The design flaw raises serious safety concerns.

Pothole woes
Hebbal



Kempapura's roads, near the Hebbal constituency, have been riddled with potholes for years.

Missing markings
Rajbhavan Road

Rajbhavan Road, a major thoroughfare in Bengaluru, lacks zebra crossing markings.

Road repairs: Quick fix or lasting change?

As potholes are being filled, citizens voice concern on quality of repairs, worry that this work may not last

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After Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar personally inspected the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) progress on pothole-riddled city roads on Monday night, citizens voiced their concerns loudly on social media, questioning the effectiveness of the repairs. For many residents, roads with poorly filled potholes and neglected areas raised questions about the sustainability and quality of these repairs.

Under the ambitious Brand Bengaluru project, the city's crumbling roads were set to undergo a transformation. Under the Deputy CM's orders, BBMP's engineers were urged to prioritise pothole repairs across all wards. The BBMP responded by swiftly filling potholes across major roads. The Palike raced to meet deadlines, with 14,307 potholes now reportedly fixed. Following his Monday night inspection, Shivakumar updated on Platform X on Wednesday stating, "Gundi muktha nagar, baduku eega sugama, sundara!" roughly translates to 'Pothole-free city, life is now easy and beautiful!"

Citizens' reactions

One user, responding to @BBMPCOMM on Platform X, highlighted the dire state of Manjunath Nagar roads, noting that Ward 14 alone had ten potholes on a single stretch. Another user, SN Ramanath, called out the poor-quality repairs done on Uttarahalli roads, where potholes persisted despite rushed attempts to fill them.

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BBMP takes DyCM on rounds to show off pothole-filling exercise, but only through the best roads, say citizens who have been awaiting a touch of tar for their area's roads too

SEEMS LIKE A ROAD SHOW

Deadlines come and go, only craters are here to stay

BM's recent cover story spoke about areas that had not even seen any pothole fixes as yet

"The road repair work is inadequate because there are underlying issues, like leakage from Cauvery water or sanitary water pipelines, that need to be fixed before applying the asphalt. Each ward has been allocated ₹75 lakh for Ward roads. Many arterial roads in Mahadevapura are not asphalted or are underdeveloped. Potholes can only be addressed once the roads are fully constructed, and there's still a lot of work to be done," said Clement C Jayakumar, Member Secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force.

A citizen stated that "I am partly happy that the potholes are being fixed across Bengaluru. It is the need of the hour. But the timing is inappropriate because the monsoon is underway. For better longevity of roads, BBMP must develop concrete roads, at least on main roads, instead of making it an annual affair to fix potholes and spending crores of rupees. When the government is planning to make the state capital—Brand Bengaluru—then they have to build quality and pothole-free roads. Brand Bengaluru is not just getting investments and adding more IT companies. It must also include making citizens lives easy"

Zero repair areas

While others in X pointed to areas that hadn't seen any repairs at all. Viswajeet Mishra expressed his frustration about the Dommasandra Flyover, stuck in construction limbo for three years.

"Do we have to protest for everything basic?" he asked, sharing how the nearby roads at this place were pockmarked with potholes and traffic signals were non-existent at Dommasandra and Kodathi Junction.

Videos from citizens added visual weight to their complaints. One clip from Rayasandra Circle showed a citizen sweeping loose stones from a poorly filled pothole with his slipper. "This is a waste of taxpayer money," he said.

A sarcastic comment followed: The first pothole they fix will be bad by the time they reach the last one in this 'Pothole Bhagya' programme.

AI helping crack traffic conundrum

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The traffic police have been using Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management (ASTraM), an artificial intelligence-backed app to get holistic insights on traffic scenarios in the city. It is said the ASTraM helped the BTP monitor congestion and predicting gridlock on September 6.

At The Indian Advantage Summit Bengaluru, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth said that ASTraM has helped traffic police to address traffic jams during weekends and holidays.

"It helped us to regulate traffic by introducing staggered timings for heavy vehicles. We have advised private bus operators to have pickup points on the outskirts of the city. We were able to take some measures to reduce congestion during peak hours. The peak hours on Saturdays are from 11 am to 2 pm," said Anucheth.

He said the traffic police department has tied up with private companies to get data on traffic in the city. "Data platform gives us insights on the traffic and actionable measures to take to mitigate traffic problems.

The aim is crowdsourcing traffic data from key stakeholders for enhancing situational awareness and developing actionable intelligence for officers to provide appropriate responses and also share relevant insights with citizens," Anucheth said.

He said that around 5,600 traffic police are working in two shifts to regulate vehicular traffic in the city. He said that around 9,000 CCTV cameras are at traffic junctions, 4,600 body-worn cameras and 200 dashboard cameras.

Traffic caution

Metro construction work is set to begin at GKVK-Jakkur Junction. Commuters are advised to proceed with caution as construction equipment and workers will occupy parts of the road.

Authorities have placed warning signs and advised drivers to reduce speed to avoid accidents. Alternative routes may help alleviate congestion, but delays are expected during peak hours. Residents and daily commuters are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra travel time to avoid inconvenience.

Mind it: SC warns judges against making casual remarks

The Supreme Court has issued a stern warning to judges, cautioning them against making casual remarks that could be perceived as misogynistic or prejudicial towards any community. The Court's admonition came in response to controversial comments made by a judge of the Karnataka High Court during court proceedings.

The apex court convened a 5-judge bench to address the suo motu matter concerning widespread circulation of controversial remarks made by Justice V Srishanandan from the Karnataka High Court. The bench, led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, included Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, Surya Kant, and Hrishikesh Roy. In one instance, the judge referred to a Muslim-dominated area in Bengaluru as "Pakistan", while in another, he made inappropriate remarks to a woman advocate during a matrimonial dispute hearing. The Supreme Court expressed concern over these comments.

"You can't call any part of the territory of India 'Pakistan'. It is fundamentally contrary to the territorial integrity of the nation," Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud orally said.

'No reason to stop live-streaming'

Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, while addressing the issue of controversial remarks, emphasised that the circulation of objectionable comments should not be a justification for discontinuing the live-streaming of court sessions.

CJI Chandrachud said, "Answer to sunlight is more sunlight. Not to suppress what happens in the Court. This is a very important reminder to everyone. The answer is not to close doors and shut down."

Apology accepted

The Court decided not to pursue the matter further in light of the judge's expression of regret in open court. **BMB**

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After years of delays & failed tenders, long-awaited road project connecting Tumakuru Road & Hosur Road will now be funded through loans with govt covering interest costs

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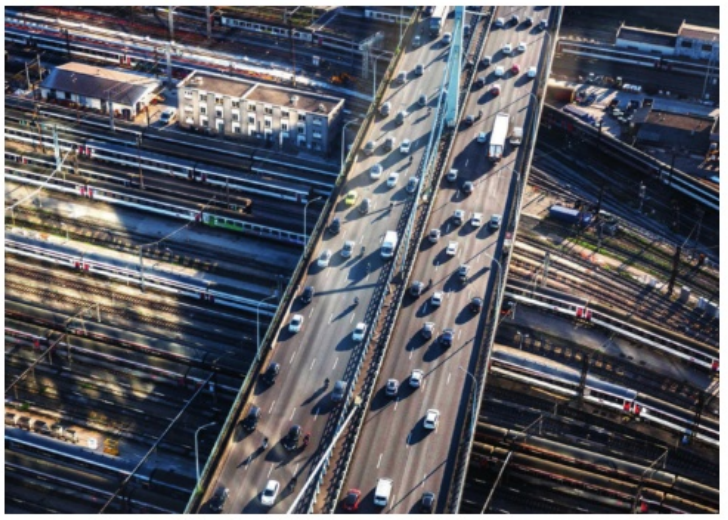
After more than a decade of failing to attract local and global contractors for the long-delayed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has decided to undertake the construction itself. The PRR, which aims to connect Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road, is a massive 27,000 crore project. Despite multiple tenders being floated in the past, no contractors showed interest. Even an international tender attracted only one foreign company, which later withdrew. Understanding that further delays would hinder the project's objectives, the BDA has now decided to take out loans and proceed with the construction.

Government to bear interest costs

"This project requires thousands of crores of rupees, making it difficult for BDA to bear all the costs. The state government has assured that it will cover the interest on the loan. The principal amount will be repaid through toll collections and other revenue sources. Therefore, loan proposals will be submitted to various banks, including HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited). Loans will be taken from institutions offering the lowest interest rates," said a senior BDA official.



PRR is 73km, 100-metre wide expressway designed to relieve traffic

Why the lack of interest?

The project requires approximately 20,000 crore for land acquisition alone, and the BDA has imposed conditions requiring contractors to deposit this amount, making the project too costly for bidders. While construction of the road itself would cost between 6,000 crore to 7,000 crore, compensating farmers for land acquisition has significantly increased the total cost. If the road had been constructed when first proposed in 2007, the overall cost would have been much lower. With the project's cost now having skyrocketed, potential contractors are reluctant to participate.

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What is the PRR?

The PRR is a 73 km, 100-metre wide, access-controlled expressway designed to reduce traffic congestion in Bengaluru's Silicon City. The eight-lane road will connect Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road, passing through major junctions like Hesaraghatta Road, Doddaballapura Road, old Ballari Road, Hennur Road, Old Madras Road, Hoskote Road, and Sarjapur. The BDA has already identified 2,596 acres of land for the project. Despite calling for tenders twice in 2022, no contractor expressed interest. Additionally, there were significant issues surrounding compensation for farmers whose land was acquired, leading to delays.

BDA's new approach:

In a bid to accelerate the project, the BDA renamed the PRR to the 'Bengaluru Business Corridor' (BBC) and decided to take up the project under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. However, even this global tender did not yield successful results.

Farmers' long wait for compensation:

Farmers who have given their land to the PRR have been waiting for compensation for 18 years. They are stuck in limbo, unable to sell their land or continue agricultural activities, as they cannot invest in infrastructure. Many landowners have felt betrayed by the BDA. Some farmers have even passed away while waiting for compensation. "The BDA has delayed the project for too long, leaving farmers in distress. The BDA should now expedite the project by offering fair compensation as per the 2013 Land Acquisition Act," said Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, President of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha.

Forest officials under scrutiny

Karnataka Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre said that show cause notices will be issued to senior officials of the forest department who filed a petition in the Supreme Court to denotify a portion of forest land in Peenya-Jalahalli plantation.

According to a note issued by Khandre, the application was filed by the officials without bringing it to the notice of the state cabinet.

The 599 acres of forest land was notified in the gazette in 1896, but a large portion of this land has been transferred by the public sector Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) to various organisations, individuals, and government agencies.

In a note to the Additional Chief Secretary of the Department, Khandre underlined that as per section 17 of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, a resolution has to be passed in both houses of the legislature to declare the forest as 'never a forest'.

Over a month ago, the minister said that HMT had sold 201 acres of the land, and initiated legal proceedings against the industrial unit.

In addition, the First Schedule to the Karnataka Government Conduct of Business Rules, 1977, also states that prior approval of cabinet is mandatory in case of transfer of government land, exceeding a value of Rs 5 crore, to any other government department.

"Some officers have submitted an interlocutory application to the Supreme Court by passing a government order at their level without the knowledge of the minister or approval of the cabinet. In addition, HMT has also issued a no-objection certificate for the alienation of forest land to the government and private parties. So far, the industrial unit has sold 165 acres of land worth Rs 313.65 crore to private and government agencies," Khandre said.

Pollution board flags 82 lakes with severe pollution

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The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has instructed the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to identify pollution sources in Bengaluru's lakes and improve their water quality, as reported to the National Green Tribunal.

CPCB told the green court that direction on the same has been given through a letter written to the member secretary of KSPCB. The letter also indicated that the desired water quality of lakes should confirm the criteria of Class B, which is suitable for outdoor bathing.

"It is to inform that critical parameters such as dissolved oxygen, pH, biological oxygen demand, faecal coliform, and faecal streptococci are compared with primary water quality criteria for outdoor bathing notified under the Environment (Protection) Rule, 1986, and it has been observed that some of the monitoring locations at lakes, tanks, and ponds needed attention. It is requested to identify the source of pollution at non-complying locations and to make a concerted effort for improvement of water quality," said the letter issued by CPCB.

The Board has appraised it to the principal bench of NGT after the court took a suo motu case a couple of months ago based on an article published in Bangalore Mirror on March 13.

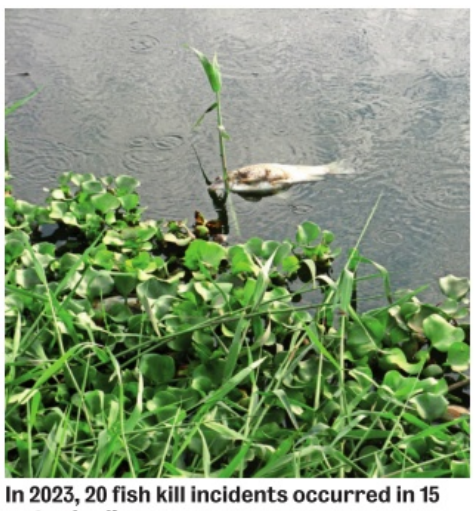
As per CPCB's standards, water resources are classified under Class B (water quality criteria for outdoor bathing) if the total value of coliforms organism is found to be less than 500 MPN/100ml, pH between 6.5 and 8.5, dissolved oxygen (DO) value more than 5mg/l and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of 5 days recorded at 20 degrees Celsius is less than 3mg/l.

However, the monthly water quality report by KSPCB shows that some lakes in the city have a total coliform value of 46,00,000MPN/100ml (nearly 10 thousand times higher than the permissible limit) DO below detection level and BOD as high as 83mg/l (nearly 28 times the permissible level).

CPCB, in association with KSPCB, has established a water quality monitoring network under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) to assess the status of water quality of water resources for prevention and control of pollution.

Under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme, KSPCB monitors the water quality of 88 lakes at 94 locations in the city.

"As per KSPCB's report, water quality at 12 out of 94 locations confirms the criteria of class D, suitable for propagation of wildlife and fisheries. The remaining 82 locations confirm the criteria of Class E, the worst water quality possible, which can be used for irrigation, industrial cooling, and controlled waste disposal. None of the 94 monitored locations confirms the criteria of Class A, B, and C," noted CPCB.



In 2023, 20 fish kill incidents occurred in 15 water bodies

CPCB, in the past, has also prepared indicative guidelines for the restoration of water bodies in June 2019. The guideline was then circulated to all state pollution control boards, including KSPCB.

Based on the report that appeared in BM, NGT had noted violations of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Solid Waste Management Guidelines, 2016, and provisions of the Environment Protection Act, 1986 and had thus impeached various state and central government agencies such as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), KSPCB, Department of Fisheries of Animal Husbandry Department, CPCB, and Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Bengaluru.

The article underlined that between 2017 and 2023, the city witnessed 61 fishkill incidents across multiple lakes. The detailed analysis of these incidents conducted by ActionAid Association, a city-based NGO, also showed that four lakes, namely Bhattarahalli, Munnekolala, Chelekere, and Iblur, with multiple fishkills in the given period, have exclusive Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). The highest number of fish kills (6) was recorded at Kothanur Lake, followed by five episodes at Haralur and three at Madiwala, Bhattarahalli, and Kundalahalli lakes.

Moreover, in 2023 alone, 20 episodes of fish kills were observed in 15 water bodies, with multiple incidents reported from Kothanur, Kundalahalli, and Bhattarahalli lakes.

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Dopamine effect

No placebo effect

The placebo effect, or experiencing pain relief by anticipating it during treatment is not caused by dopamine -- the 'pleasure' brain chemical, according to a study. Previous studies have suggested that dopamine-based reward and learning processes contribute to the placebo effect.

However, researchers from the University Hospital Essen, Germany, said that the exact role of dopamine in initially producing a placebo effect, and thereafter maintaining it, was unknown.

Study

For their study, published in the journal PLoS Biology, the team recruited 168 healthy volunteers, who were divided into three groups.

One group was given L-dopa, a drug used in treating Parkinson's disease, in which dopamine production is affected. The drug is a precursor that converts into dopamine, once it enters the brain.

The second group was administered sulpiride, an antipsychotic agent used for treating psychosis and schizophrenia. It works by suppressing the flow of dopamine, abnormal levels of which have been studied to contribute to psychotic symptoms.

The third group was given an inactive pill, known to produce no effects.

They were then exposed to painful heat on a small portion of their left forearm.

No pain relief

Contrary to previous findings, the researchers found that the drug-induced changes in dopamine levels did not alter a participant's expectation of pain relief. Overall, the data provided strong evidence against a direct influence of dopamine on the generation and maintenance of placebo effects, the team said.

"We found no direct analgesic (pain-relieving) effects of the study medication on heat pain sensitivity or pain ratings during conditioning, confirming previous experimental studies using pro- or anti-dopaminergic drugs," the authors wrote. —PTI

All new persona

Psychology research says you can change your personality, by tweaking what you think and do

Have you ever taken a personality test? If you're like me, you've consulted BuzzFeed and you know exactly which Taylor Swift song "perfectly matches your vibe."

It might be obvious that internet quizzes are not scientific, but many of the seemingly serious personality tests used to guide educational and career choices are also not supported by research. Despite being a billion-dollar industry, commercial personality testing used by schools and corporations to funnel people into their ideal roles do not predict career success.

Beyond their lack of scientific support, the most popular approaches to understanding personality are problematic because they assume your traits are static – that is, you're stuck with the personality you're born with. But modern personality science studies find that traits can and do change over time.

In addition to watching my own personality change over time from messy and lazy to off the charts in conscientiousness, I'm also a personality change researcher and clinical psychologist. My research confirms what I saw in my own development and in my patients: People can intentionally shape the traits they need to be successful in the lives they want. That's contrary to the popular belief that your personality type places you in a box, dictating that you choose partners, activities and careers according to your traits.

What personality is and isn't

According to psychologists, personality is your characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving.

Are you a person who tends to think about situations in your life more pessimistically, or are you a glass-half-full kind of person?

Do you tend to get angry when someone cuts you off in traffic, or are you more likely to give them the benefit of the doubt – maybe they're rushing to the hospital?

Do you wait until the last minute to complete tasks, or do you plan ahead?

You can think of personality as a collection of labels that summarize your responses to questions like these. Depending on your answers, you might be labeled as optimistic, empathetic or dependable.

Research suggests that all these descriptive labels can be summarized into five overarching traits – what psychologists creatively refer to as the "Big Five."

As early as the 1930s, psychologists literally combed through a dictionary to pull out all the words that describe human nature and sorted them in categories with similar themes. For example, they grouped words like "kind," "thoughtful" and "friendly" together. They found that thousands of words could be accounted for by sorting them between five traits: neuroticism, extroversion, conscientiousness, agreeableness and openness.

What personality is not: People often feel protective about their personality – you may view it as the core of who you are. According to scientific definitions, however, personality is not your likes, dislikes or preferences. It's not your sense of humor. It's not your values or what you think is important in life.

In other words, shifting your Big Five traits does not change the core of who you are. It simply means learning to respond to situations in life with different thoughts, feelings and behaviors.

Can you change your personality?

Can personality change? Remember, personality is a person's characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving. And while it might sound hard to change personality, people change how they think, feel and behave all the time.

Suppose you're not super dependable. If you start to think "being on time shows others that I respect them," begin to feel pride when you arrive to brunch before your friends, and engage in new behaviors that increase your timeliness – such as getting up with an alarm, setting appointment reminders and so on – you are embodying the characteristics of a reliable person. If you maintain these changes to your thinking, emotions and behaviors over time – voila! – you are reliable. Personality: changed.

Data confirms this idea. In general, personality changes across a person's life span. As people age, they tend to experience fewer negative emotions and more positive ones, are more conscientious, place greater emphasis on positive relationships and are less judgmental of others.

There is variability here, though. Some people change a lot and some people hold pretty steady. Moreover, studies, including my own, that test whether personality interventions change traits over time find that people can speed up the process of personality change by making intentional tweaks to their thinking and behavior. These tweaks can lead to meaningful change in less than 20 weeks, instead of 20 years.

Cultivating personality traits that serve you best

The good news is that these cognitive-behavioral techniques are relatively simple, and you don't need to visit a therapist if that's not something you're into.

The first component involves changing your thinking patterns – this is the cognitive piece. You need to become aware of your thoughts to determine whether they're keeping you stuck acting in line with a particular trait. For example, if you find yourself thinking "people are only looking out for themselves," you are likely to act defensively around others.

The behavioral component involves becoming aware of your current action tendencies and testing out new responses. If you are defensive around other people, they will probably respond negatively to you. When they withdraw or snap at you, for example, it then confirms your belief that you can't trust others. By contrast, if you try behaving more openly – perhaps sharing with a co-worker that you're struggling with a task – you have the opportunity to see whether that changes the way others act toward you.

These cognitive-behavioral strategies are so effective for nudging personality because personality is simply your characteristic way of thinking and behaving. Consistently making changes to your perspective and actions can lead to lasting habits that ultimately result in crafting the personality you desire.

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'No consultation, no science' behind trimming exercise

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justify yet another flyover, which will lead to the felling of all the trees on this road.

And if they slowly cut a few trees here and there, there is a chance that the number of trees left will fall below the minimum number of trees which warrants a public consultation and environmental impact report, before projects. We need to protect our trees and we will not let the continued poor city planning interfere with our green cover," said Kimsuka Iyer, a citizen of the area.

Locals say after three days of 'hacking', the canopy on Sankey Tank Road is now fragmented. This, say may pose a threat to a healthy population of urban Slender Loris thriving on the IISc campus, apart from loss to other biodiversity.

"This contiguous patch of greenery has served as a pathway to Slender Loris, a schedule I animal as per the country's Wildlife (Protection) Law. The way branches have been slashed shows utter disregard for the environment and biodiversity. This is not trimming. They should have termed it a 'hacking drive'," said an upset senior citizen from the area.

Where are the officials?

According to residents, BBMP hauled away two trucks full of thick and healthy branches just on Monday. They allege that no officer from BBMP's forest department was present on the spot to guide workers.

"A massacre has been carried out. The canopy on Sankey Tank Road has been compromised. It is a haphazard trimming activity that will do more harm than good. BBMP should have consulted citizens and explained to us the logic behind chopping the branches they wanted to remove," said Preeti

Sundarajan, another resident of Malleshwaram.

City-based tree activists say the trees, under the drive, are being trimmed unscientifically since the forest department is short of human resources and the right equipment.

"BBMP needs experienced workers and equipment to handle urban trees. These trees will be damaged and fall in the next monsoon. We need better maintenance and that cannot happen since the department is understaffed. Both the forest department and the BBMP climate action cell have to work together to ensure trees are not damaged and they are pruned scientifically. Otherwise, they will lose balance and fall in the next storm or rain," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation

According to DCF, BLG Swamy, the trees have undergone trimming after due consideration and analysis.

"Over the past two months, we have witnessed 25 fatal head and spinal injuries, including two deaths due to trees or branches falling. Through the drive, we are trying to reduce crown weight. Trimming is being done scientifically and under the supervision of our range forest officers. We are removing branches that are touching vehicles on the move. We are also thinning down crowns of trees that do not have proper anchoring of roots due to various reasons," said Swamy.

'Not much action possible without formal complaints'

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pattern where citizens are increasingly turning to social media to bring attention to theft cases, but many stop short of taking the next step -- filing an official complaint. While social media posts may raise awareness, police stress that without a formal complaint, it becomes challenging to launch investigations and take action.

Police officials emphasised that lodging a written complaint is a critical step in the investigative process. "We understand that citizens might prefer the ease of social media, but we can only take official action once a formal complaint is registered," a police officer explained.

An official told BM citizens must visit the police station and give a written complaint within two days of posting a complaint online. "They need to put a signature as otherwise the court does not accept it, " the official said.

According to the official, almost 90% of road rage cases are filed and action is taken. "But there have been times when there is a fight between two parties that is posted online and when we go to check, it turns out to be a fight between friends."

The official said in some cases when it is a road rage incident and there is no case, the police can step in, but that is not advisable. "In a recent road rage case, the victim didn't file a complaint, we had to lodge one ourselves. But this isn't the correct approach. If victims don't come forward, we can't always intervene. For cases like drug-related crimes, we can take suo motu action based on the nature of the offence, but in incidents like this, even the court may not consider it without a victim's complaint."

Another senior police official said people who use social media are tech savvy and educated. "Social media is intended for emergency situations, and people who use it are generally educated. They can easily locate the nearest police station and file a written complaint. But, after posting about a complaint online, many don't call 112 or visit the police station to formally register it," he said.

He illustrated his point with this case: "Recently, a robbery case was posted on social media, and it took us half a day just to locate the victim. Instead, they can directly visit the station and file a written complaint or they can send a message using a formal number. We have encountered 5 to 6 such incidents only in the Indiranagar area," the official said.

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I Arwa Jawadwala w/o Hussain Abbasi R/a No-19, Lamya Maskan,Bohra layout, Gottigere,B'luru-83 have changed my name to Arwa Hussain Abbasi for all purposes.

I, Chaya Bhat W/o Thrivikrama Gopady R/o No.2054, 5th floor, Sobha valley view, Vlegacy road, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru 560085 have changed my name to Chaya Thrivikrama Affidavit Dt.25/09/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Sajjan Singh R/o #7 Kodipalya Circle,opp Ds Max Supreme Apartment, Kengeri Bangalore 560060 have changed my minor son's name from Padam Rajpurohit to Pradyut S.

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I, Khairunnisa Begum R/o No.37, 4th main road, KHM Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru 560032 have changed my name to SALMA BEGUM affidavit 25/09/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

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I, Suvarna Hegde,GR Lotous Aptms,TF 3 ,A-Block, next Jnanakshi school,Raja - rajeshwari Nagar B'luru-560098 have changed my name to Suvarna Dixit for all purposes.

I, Meena Dhami Lal Bahadur W/o Ramesh Thapa Jagtu R/o No.94, 1st floor, 3rd cross, NMR Layout, Udayanagar, Bengaluru 560016 have changed my name to Meena Ramesh Thapa Affidavit Dt.25/09/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Abdul Khader R/o Flat No 31, Babji 53, Ground Floor, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560083, have change my name to Abdul Khader Tambawala

I Sake Bhargava & K L Radha R/o 209, SLV Vajra, Horamavu - 560043 have changed my minor son\'s name from Abhinav Kumar Sake to Sake Aadvik.

I, Shivakumar Prabhakar, son of S. Prabhakar, residing at #38, Kamadhenu Nivasa, 25th Cross, Shrusti Layout, Basavanapura, K R Puram, Bangalore - 560036, have changed and reordered my name. I shall henceforth be known as Prabhakar Shivakumar for all purposes.

I, CHANDIL KUMAR, Residing at No 256, 2nd Floor, Venkatadri Nilaya, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Pramod Layout, Bangalore -560039, Have changed my name to S CHANDIL KUMAR, vide affidavit dated 24/09/2024 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

I, Ansari Muhammed Sabir Abdul Wahid S/o, Abdul Waheed R/o #29, 4th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Old Guddahalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore 560026 have changed my name to Ansari Muhammed Sabir for all purposes.

I, Sonam Kumari W/o Sunny Khetan R/a at No 2162, Prestige Lake Side Habitat, Varthur Main Road, Gunjur, Bengaluru-560087 I have changed my name to Sonam Khetan. Vide Affidavit dated on 25/09/2024. Sworn before notary B Seshagiri Bengaluru

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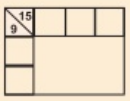
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

30% of 300 + x% of 50 = 60% of 400.
x=?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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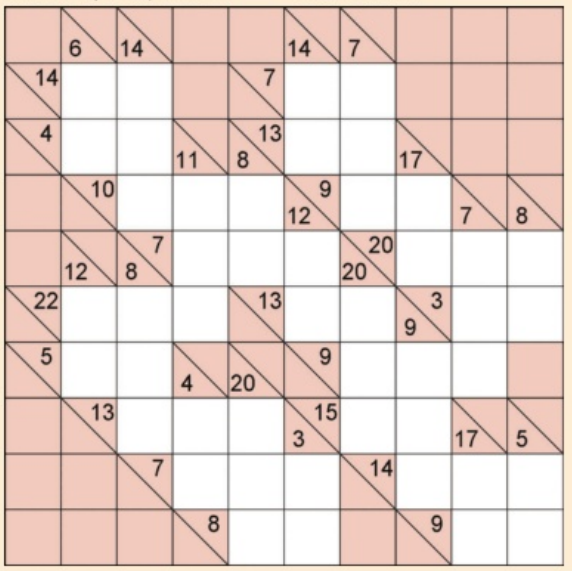

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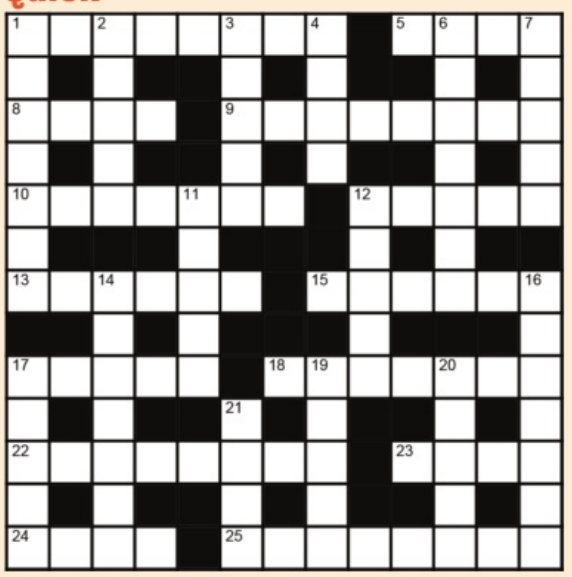


ACROSS

1 Depend or trust? (4,4)
5 Bible book abbr. (4)
8 Hard work (4)
9 Brochure (8)
10 Skinflint (7)
12 Famous Australian city (5)
13 Men in charge of monasteries (6)
15 Persian gulf state? (6)
17 Patiently enduring person (5)
18 Complicate or entangle (7)
22 Republic of East Africa (8)
23 Alright (4)
24 Stink (4)
25 Until now (8)

DOWN

1 Circular building (7)
2 __ in ruins : being overthrown or fallen? (5)
3 Scottish musician (5)
4 Unfeeling (4)
6 Tanning salons (7)
7 Obstacle or snag (5)
11 Topmost room (5)
12 Exactly vertical (5)
14 Junior Girl Scout (7)
16 Hunting cry (5-2)
17 Lascivious man (5)
19 Intended or signified (5)
20 ___ Hills: Bangalore's highest point (5)
21 Move slowly (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS P

RWJRMW UGJ UVHN NGW XJQN VRRBJYVM IWN NGW MWVQN VHC RWJRMW UGJ HWWC VRRBJYVM NGW MWVQN IWN NGW XJQN.

Linemaro

You must be the square root of two, because I feel irrational around you

Mindchow

Life is way too short to spend another day at war with yourself

Joke of the day

Failure is not an option. It comes bundled with the software

Loop

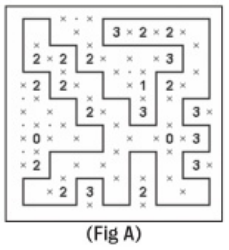
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

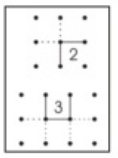
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

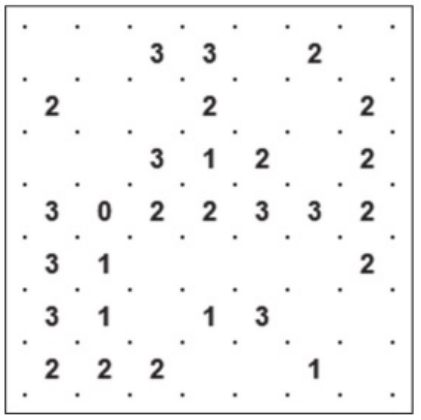
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



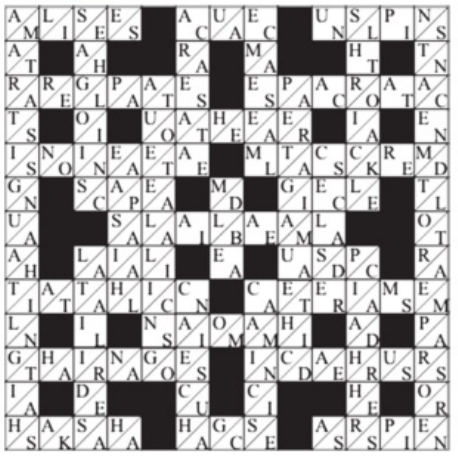
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



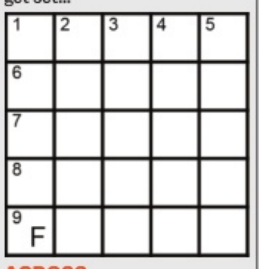
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

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7 Re tut; 8 In Fed;
9 Of sad

DOWN

1 Ruff G; 2 Irate;
3 Cadet; 4 Tones;
5 R pads

Mensapuzzle

Solve this rebus:

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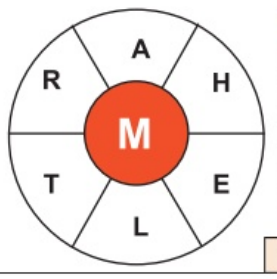
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

22 Average; 24 Good; 27 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5		1		4		3	
		6				8		
4			2		9			6
7		9	6		8	5		2
8		4	3		5	7		1
1			4		2			3
		7				2		
	8		5		1		7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12

3 7 8 8

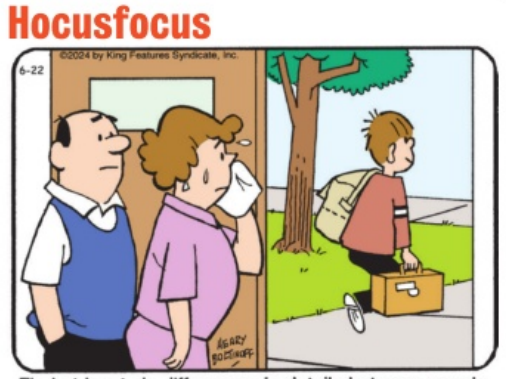
Medium = 16

6 7 8 9

Hard = 6

3 6 6 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

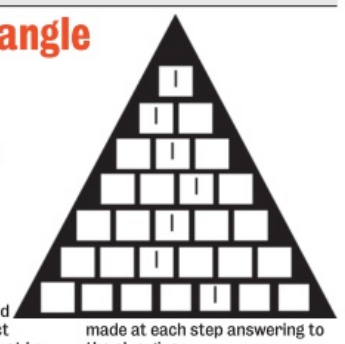
Differences: 1. Labels on suitcase are moved. 2. Woman's collar is missing. 3. Vest is a V neck. 4. Backpack is larger. 5. Sidewalk is wider. 6. Mouth is open.

Riddler

Each clue below is for two words that differ by only one letter: The letter has been either added to the beginning or the end of the word–all the rest are in the same order. In the "hint" you will see the lengths of the words, in the proper order. For example "Writing on the wall of Noah's boat (3,4)" would result in "Ark Mark". Can you get the rest? 1. Complaint about a golf club part. 2. Insect being angry and vocal. 3. Angry buccaneer. 4. The second of the two dishes you mentioned. 5. Scrawny unidentified object.

Alpha triangle

1 Pronoun
2 Indl. Relations
3 Ventilate
4 Trade show
5 Mendicant monk
6 More just
7 Horseshoer

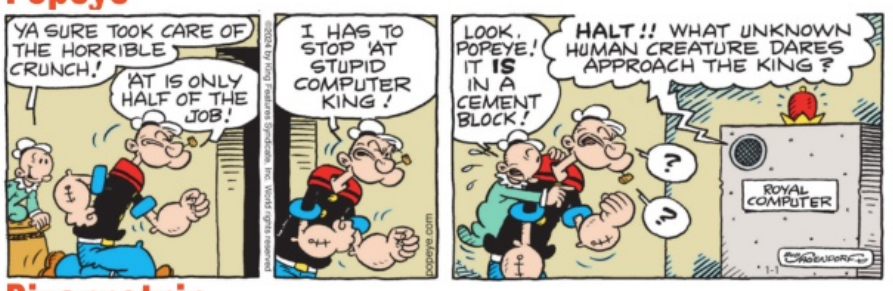


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

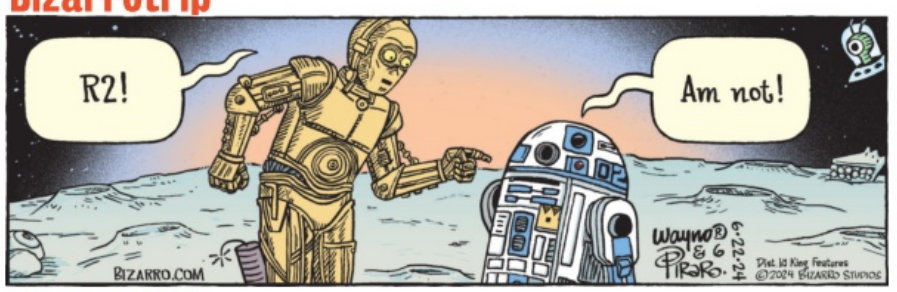
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


YA SURE TOOK CARE OF THE HORRIBLE CRUNCH!
'AT IS ONLY HALF OF THE JOB!
I HAS TO STOP 'AT STUPID COMPUTER KING!
LOOK, POPEYE! IT IS IN A CEMENT BLOCK!
HALT!! WHAT UNKNOWN HUMAN CREATURE DARES APPROACH THE KING?
ROYAL COMPUTER

Bizarrotrip

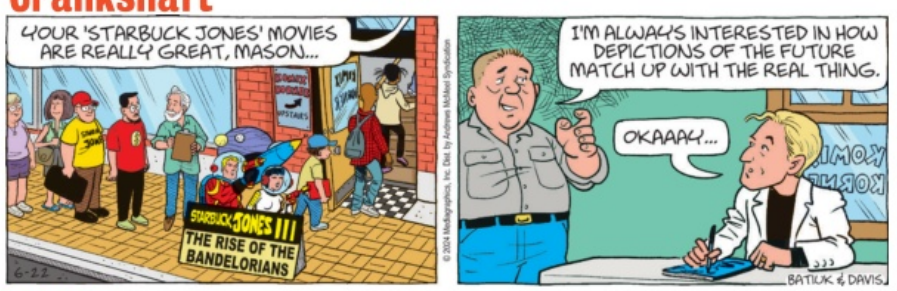


Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THERE'S A NEW KID AT SCHOOL NAMED TOBY. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM, EXCEPT THAT HE'S PERFECT AND WE'RE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER.
AWWW, HEART!! WHEN SHOULD I CALL HIS MOM AND INVITE THEM OVER?
HEE HEE!
MOM!! NOOOO!!

Crankshaft


YOUR 'STARBUCK JONES' MOVIES ARE REALLY GREAT, MASON...
STARBUCK JONES III THE RISE OF THE BANDELORIANS
I'M ALWAYS INTERESTED IN HOW DEPICTIONS OF THE FUTURE MATCH UP WITH THE REAL THING.
OKAAAY...
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon; it may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues. You are likely to face losses in the business, so you are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. Your gains may likely be converted into losses.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon; you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon; you may perform well at work; you may expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with the boss may be boosted now. Chronic health issues will be resolved now, which may make your family happy.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You may be likely to spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may be likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance; it may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you advised to control your straightforwardness; your speech may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff. Your mind may likely work very fast, but you are advised to make any important decisions with patience.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may make quick decisions, which may have benefits in day- to-day life. You may also make some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues, and you may be likely to get success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved now. You may also expect some short trips.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is not a very good day. You are advised to make any important decision with patience and careful thinking. You are also advised to control your straightforwardness; your harsh or careless speech may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may not feel better; old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. You may take some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is also advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity in your business. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may also enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may likely find a suitable match. Lovebirds may make the decision to get married.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be very happy; your losses may convert into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You may likely have some changes to your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

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x = (2400-900)/5= 300

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2. Ant Rant,
3. Irate Pirate,
4. Latter Platter &
5. Thin Thing

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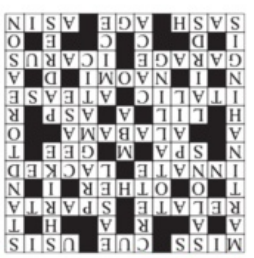

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SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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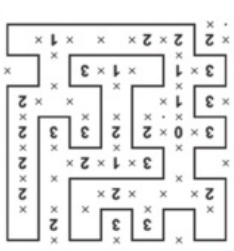
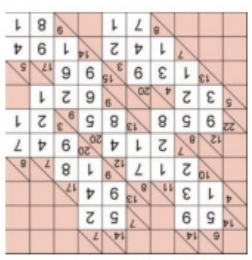


GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 3 + 8 – 7 = 12
Medium
8 + 9 – 7 + 6 = 16
Hard
6 + 6 / 4 + 3 = 6

KAKURO



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QUOTE UNCODE
People who want the most approval get the least and people who need approval the least get the most.

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Santosh is UK's Oscars pick

London-based filmmaker Sandhya Suri's Uttar Pradesh-set police thriller 'Santosh', which premiered at Cannes, was named as Britain's Oscar entry in the international feature category

STYLISH REUNION

Samantha, PC catch up for glittery premiere of Citadel

Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Priyanka Chopra recently reunited in London for the premiere of Citadel: Honey Bunny, an event that showcased their friendship and style. The two actresses were spotted sharing joyful moments, posing for cameras alongside Matilda De Angelis, who stars in the Italian spin-off Citadel: Diana.

Their reunion comes months after Samantha attended the earlier premiere of Citadel in London, where she was accompanied by Varun Dhawan and the show's creators, Raj & DK.

At this special gathering, Priyanka dazzled in an eye-catching orange gown, while Samantha opted for a chic black gown paired with eye-catching and stunning sheer pants. Matilda complimented them in a striking golden outfit. The trio not only looked stunning, but also appeared to enjoy each other's company, as captured in various photographs shared online. One particular image also shows Priyanka and Samantha sharing hearty laughter.

"Samantha will be seen in Citadel: Honey Bunny that is part of the Citadel universe"

Samantha will be seen in Citadel: Honey Bunny, which is part of the expansive Citadel universe created by the Russo brothers. The series is set to premiere on November 7, 2024. Following the success of the first season of Citadel, which starred Priyanka as Nadia Sinh opposite Richard Madden, this new spin off promises to deliver more thrilling narratives. The teaser for Honey Bunny was released last month, generating excitement among fans.

Priyanka too, has been actively involved in the franchise, recently she shared on her Instagram that she has begun filming for the second season of Citadel. In a post made at dawn, she expressed her enthusiasm with a caption that read, "Hello Citadel S2," accompanied by a motivational GIF.

Meanwhile, Citadel: Diana, starring Matilda De Angelis, will explore a different storyline set in Milan in 2030. The series follows Diana Cavalieri, a former agent who becomes a mole after her agency is destroyed by a powerful enemy group known as Manticore.

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The big boss

There was a rumour of a change of host of Bigg Boss Kannada. Sudeep had also wished, while interacting with media on the occasion of his birthday, that Bigg Boss Kannada should have a new host as he has been the host for over a decade for the reality show. However, now it is decided that Kichcha Sudeep will continue to be host for Season 11.

Speaking at a function held at Hotel Shangri-La, Sudeep said that it was true that he did not want to continue as a host for the upcoming season. "It is not a gimmick. It was true that I did not want to host Season 11. I have explained the reasons to the TV channel management why I do not want to host Season 11. The reasons are not pertaining to remuneration or any misunderstanding. However, the management has succeeded in convincing me to host the Bigg Boss Kannada Season 11 which begins with a new concept – swarga-naraka (heaven-hell)," said Sudeep.

Parents' aspirations

Director Madhuchandra gears up to promote his third Kannada movie Mr. Rani that is scheduled for release shortly.

Madhuchandra told BM the movie Mr Rani revolves around parents who have aspirations about the future of their children. "The movie aims to convey a message to parents not to compel their children to become doctors or engineers. Parents must allow children to decide what they want to become and how to lead their life," said Madhuchandra.

The director said the movie's shooting was held in Bengaluru and other places and the post-production works are in progress. "We have to submit an application to the Censor Board of Film Certification within a few days," he said.

He said that he is expecting a UA certificate from the Censor Board of Film Certification. "My movie is aimed at family audiences. The hero in the movie wants to become a actor and the heroine wants to become a heroine while their parents want them to become engineers or doctors. The film is a comedy," he said.

Deepak Subramanya, who earned fame for his performance in tele serial Lakshmi Nivasa, makes debut as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie.

Love song

Bollywood actor Ali Fazal will be seen in the upcoming music video "Aaj Bhi 2" and said that there's a huge space for romantic songs in India, and that the sequel to the original song fits right into that space.

The original track "Aaj Bhi", an emotionally charged ballad, was performed by singer-composer Vishal Mishra. The sequel to the number has reunited Ali Fazal and Vishal Mishra. "The first chapter of Aaj Bhi holds a special place in my heart, and seeing how deeply people connected with it was truly overwhelming. I can't wait for everyone to experience the next chapter of this beautiful journey," Ali said.

He added: "The first song people instantly connected with, the song on YouTube alone has over 15 crore views, which is quite something. There's a huge space for romantic songs in India, and this sequel to the original song places right into that space".—IANS

Hot couture

Actress Bhumi Pednekar took to her social media handle and shared some eye-catching photos in which she looks no less than a Hollywood star.

Taking to Instagram, Bhumi, who has 9.4 million followers on the photo-sharing platform, shared a carousel of pictures from a studio with dark blue curtains where she stands behind the light.

She captioned the post, "What I love about this piece is that the skirt is repurposed from a rug (with a blue heart emoji)."

In the pictures, she was seen wearing a full-sleeved radiant green top with a unique skirt that was made from a blue rug. She carried green heels with this attire that complimented her personality and her all-time unique dressing sense. In her look, she flaunted her toned legs which completed her photoshoot. Emphasizing her unique piece of skirt that is made from a rug highlights the astonishing design, that completes her trendy look.

Talking about her poses they are a mix of random, blurry clicks.

—IANS

Dress it up

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha took to her social media handle and shared a series of pictures from her recent photoshoot for a magazine.

Taking to her Instagram account, Sonakshi shared a post from the magazine cover in which she was seen in an elegant bridal outfit that embraced her beauty.

In the picture, the 'Akira' actress is seen in a red-colored traditional lehenga which is crafted from a combination of beautiful embroidery filled with various designs and a touch of stellar handy work.

In further detailing, Sonakshi is seen wearing a bridal green polki necklace with earrings set, bracelets and a sparkling green polki gemstone ring.

Earlier, the 'Dahaad' fame actress shared some elegant pictures with her better half Zaheer Iqbal and captioned them, "Laal hai mere dil ka haal" (with a heart emoji).

The duo opted for a Rajasthani attire in which Sonakshi was seen in a salwar embellished with golden embroidery in palazzo while Zaheer opted for a Nehru style neck jacket with small mirrors attached to it. It seems like, Sonakshi is still in the zone of her just-married phase which is getting signified in her recent series of pictures as her love for red and traditional outfits is not getting a pause at all. Sonakshi and Zaheer tied the knot on June 23 in Mumbai after seven years of dating.

—IANS